

THE M O D E R N W I F E .

Lecture by Rev. A. A. Willits, of Brooklyn, Delivered Last Evening, at the First Baptist Church, Corner of Broad and Arch Streets.

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The church was filled with an attentive and appreciative audience. The pastor of the church came forward at precisely 8 o'clock, and said: "Friends, our respected friend and revered brother wishes, as a solid foundation for his lecture, that I should read the thirty-third chapter of the book of Proverbs."

Ladies and Gentlemen.—The modest woman's nature, and the unobtrusiveness of her sphere of action, cause us too often to overlook the almost omnipotent power of her influence over the character and destiny of man. What does not the world owe to woman's influence?

The happy home has ever been, and ever will be, the best place on earth for man. She is the guiding star of his destiny; and that sweet spirit which presides as a guardian angel, making his home a happy and holy spot.

It is well worth while to notice that the best character in the Holy Scriptures is that of the model wife. We challenge the world to bring forth from any and all the museums of ancient art a picture of woman worthy to be compared to that delineation of a good wife which you have heard read in this imperishable page of antiquity.

The modern society of the present day is a picture of the modern woman, and she is not only to be compared to the striking features of this Divine portraiture. First of all, let me call your attention to that which strikes me the most—I refer to the good wife's industry.

Industry is the author of the most common diseases and of all mischiefs. There is not a part in all the good wife's household character which is pernicious. The whole picture is lighted up with attractive industry; she makes herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple, her linen and fine linen and she is not only to be compared to the striking features of this Divine portraiture.

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"No, sir!" "What are you then?" "I am a philosopher, and have been standing here for an hour trying to determine how that cat got through that hole. Now that is about the kind of a philosopher who won't counsel his wife. The various other traits that make up a true and good woman's character were discussed at length. He cited several examples to show the effect of good example to children, two of which particularly attracted our attention. When Lafayette went to see the mother of Washington, he spoke of her son's achievements in the camp and in the Presidential chair. She listened to him, and then said: "I am not surprised, for George was a philosopher who won't counsel his wife at home."

AMUSEMENTS. ENGLISH OPERA.—The ever popular opera, *The Daughter of the Regiment*, was sung last evening by the English Opera Troupe. The Academy was tolerably well filled, and the performers, one and all, acquitted themselves to the great satisfaction of the audience.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—GRAND ITALIAN OPERA.—On Monday, October 15, the Italian Opera Troupe of Max Maretzek will open in this city for a season of fifteen regular performances and three matinee representations.

THE NEW CHESTNUT.—Mr. John E. Owens had a great reception last evening, at the hands of a very large and fashionable audience. His fine acting in the part of the miserly miser, and his splendid and original character of an "old miser," and his rendition of the "Part of the Miser's Success," added to the interest of the evening.

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LARGE FIRE THIS MORNING.

Flour and Feed Mills in the Twenty-Seventh Ward Destroyed—Loss About \$60,000. This morning, about one o'clock, a fire broke out in the extensive flour and feed mill owned and occupied by Messrs. Peterson & Marshall.

It was a substantial structure, and was erected about six years ago. The machinery was of the best make in the country. There are few establishments in the United States where the machinery is more complete than this one, although there are some larger ones.

The surrounding properties, owing to the stillness of the night, were not much damaged by fire, but were considerably injured by water. The firemen, seeing they could not save the mill, turned their attention to the adjoining property, and by keeping the roots continually wet they were saved.

The police on duty passed the building about fifteen minutes before the fire broke out. He looked and saw everything all right. He had got as far as the building when he heard the fire alarm.

The ruins were still smoking when we visited the building this morning, and another alarm was sounded, which brought some of the West Philadelphia companies to the spot, but their services were not needed.

A SAVAGE FELLOW.—A desperate fellow named Timothy Collins was arrested at Twenty and Madison streets yesterday for being drunk and disorderly. After he was arrested, he asked the officer who had him in charge to loosen his hands.

FALSE PRETENSES.—There are a great many impostors who come to the public notice. There have been several exposures lately of those who take advantage of the sympathy of our citizens for the soldiers to impose upon them.

A MALICIOUS INDIVIDUAL.—James Main is in the habit of being annoyed, and he is influenced by bad spirits. Being of an excitable disposition, he frequently gets into a peck of trouble.

CASE OF STABBING.—Thomas Tracey was arrested yesterday afternoon on the charge of having stabbed a man named William H. Adams on the 13th and 14th streets.

STOLE A WATCH.—Robert McQuaid was arrested yesterday afternoon at Twelfth and Bedford streets, for stealing a gold watch from a conductor on the Thirteenth and Fifteenth Streets Passenger Railroad.

CONCERT AT MUSICAL FUND HALL.—A very interesting concert will take place on Thursday evening, at Musical Fund Hall, under the auspices of the Sunday schools of the Church of the Evangelists.

REPUBLICAN INVINCIBLES.—We call the attention of members to Order No. 3. The Club goes to Philadelphia this evening to take part in the demonstration for Taylor and the whole Union ticket.

SIGHT FIRE.—The roof of the mill occupied by Mr. George Brown, on Morton street, above Walnut, yesterday afternoon, was destroyed by a fire this morning, about 8 o'clock.

A SAD CASE.—John and James H. Thompson, two boys, came to the Second District Station House yesterday afternoon, and said they had been driven from their home and had no place to go.

TO DEALERS IN CLOTHING.—We have the largest and most complete assortment of goods in the city, and our prices are the lowest. We have a large stock of goods in the city, and our prices are the lowest.

THE ELLIPTIC LOCK-STITCH SEWING MACHINE, with all the latest improvements and attachments, incorporating the best for family use. ELLIPTIC S. M. CO. Agents wanted, No. 923 Chestnut street, Phila.

ALL PERSONS who are fond of Fine Confections, G. W. Jenkins, No. 1037 Spring Garden street, will call to try his stock of Fine Candies, Iceland Moss Paste, Gums and Chocolate Drops, Chocolate Creams of all flavors, Caramels, etc.

FOR THE LATEST STYLE LOOKING GLASS AND PICTURE FRAMES resort to Reimer's, Arch street, east of Seventh.

SPRING MATRESSES overhauled, put in order, and made up anew, at Patten's Upholstery, No. 1408 Chestnut street.

TWELFTH AND CHESTNUT is the place to purchase COX Mattresses and Bedding, and to have your Furniture reupholstered, varnished, and repaired by practical workmen.

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COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES 7-8-10 and 5-20 wanted. De Haven & Brother, No. 40 S. Third St.

ELASTIC STITCH SEWING MACHINES, GROVER & BAKER'S HIGH SPEED SEWING MACHINES, THE ONLY PREMIUM QUALITY MACHINES, PERFECTLY MADE AND GUARANTEED.

NEWTON-WALLACE.—On the 16th instant, by the Rev. M. R. Watkins, Mr. J. EDWIN NEWTON to Miss A. K. WALLACE, all of Camden, N. J.

POSTILL-WAGNER.—February 15, 1885, by the Rev. T. W. Macarty, Mr. GEORGE H. POSTILL to Mrs. ANN E. WAGNER, both of this city.

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